

8. Deanes of Cathedrall churches.

Ordinary. when he is come to the Church, he together with hys prebendaries resident, shall foresee that the statutes of his church, if they be not contrary to the woorde of God (as many are) and that the statutes of this realme whatsoever, concerning ecclesiasticall order, and all Injunctions, eyther set forth by the Queenes Maiestie, or enioyned by the bishop in his visitation of the same Church, be diligently observed. Moreover the Deane and Residentaries shall endeavour as much as lyeth in the, that the peticanons or vicars, and other ministers of their Church, (lest they lyue idly and unprofitably in slothfulness, and geue themselves to unlawfull gaming) be constrained to the studye of the holy Scriptures, and that every one of them haue the new Testament, not onely in Latine, but also in English.

The Deanes and Residentaries shall see that there be no other forme observed in singing, or saying prayers, or in the administration of the Sacramentes, but onely that which is sette forth, and prescribed in the booke of Common Prayers: neyther shall they suffer any straunger to preach vnto the people, except the Queenes Maiestie, or the Archbishop of the same Province, or the Bishop of the same Dioces, haue graunted him licence thereunto. And if such a Preacher so allowed, eyther by the Queenes Maiestie, or by the Archbishop, or Bishop, shall in hys Sermon publish any doctrine eyther straunge, wicked, or disagreeable

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able wyth the worde of God: or with the Articles of our Religion, agreed vpon in the Convocation house (which no doubt are consonant to the Scriptures,) or with the booke of common Prayers: the Deane, or the Residentes, shall as sone as may be, geue notice of the same to the Bishop, by theyr letters, subscribed also with some of theyr handes, which hearde him preach: that he may determine on the matter, as he shall see good.

Archdeacons.

Every Archdeacon shall haue in hys house, both the other bookes, and namely those which are entituled, Monumentes of Martyrs.

Every Archdeacon whiche hath authoritie to visite, eyther by common law, or by prescription, shall visite hys territory once every yeare in hys owne person: and he shall not substitute any to be his Officiall, but such a one as hath bene brought vp in the vniuersities, and hath studyed the ciuill law, and is of the full age of xxiij. yeares, being able not onely in learning, but also in gravity, and modesty to discharge that office.

Archdeacons and theyr substitutes (whom they call Officialles) shall call the clergie to account in theyr visitations, how much every one of them hath profited in the study of Scripture, and shall geue vnto so many of them, as

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